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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 433
By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to commend Mr. Allan Gill of Powell for his outstanding record of achievement with the Hallsdale-Powell Utility District and to congratulate him upon his move to the position of consultant.

WHEREAS, for more than 45 years, Allan Gill of Powell, Tennessee has guided the fortunes of the Hallsdale-Powell Utility District (HPUD); as its only manager during that period, Mr. Gill presided over HPUD's rise to become the second largest supplier of water and water services in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, since Allan Gill had only a shoestring budget in 1954 and was compelled to operate HPUD very frugally during the early years, he was able to use that experience to build one of the most efficient and productive water and wastewater systems in the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gill invested an enormous amount of talent, work and personal energy in the operation of HPUD. Every night during the past 45 years, he contacted the district's office between 11:00 and 12:00 p.m. to check on the operations of the system; and

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WHEREAS, his commitment to HPUD's effectiveness and efficiency has led to an almost complete identification of Mr. Gill with HPUD in the minds of district residents; his presence at job sites for breaks in waterlines, construction of new sewer lines, and other work involving the system has re-enforced that perception among the HPUD customer base; and

WHEREAS, Allan Gill has been very active in professional organizations in his chosen field of endeavor, including service as an Honorary Life Member and chairman of the Tennessee Water and Wastewater Association; lifetime member and chairman of the American Water Works Association; member of the Kentucky-Tennessee Water Environment Federation; member of the National Rural Water Association; member of the Tennessee Water Quality Management Association; member of the Knox County Federation of Utility Districts, member of the Homebuilders Association of Greater Knoxville, and Treasurer of the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his incredible contributions to HPUD's daily operations, Mr. Gill has been heavily involved in the civic life of his community. He is a charter member and past president of the Powell Lions Club; a charter member of the Powell Business and Professional Association and past president of the Halls Business and Professional Association; and

WHEREAS, a partial list of Allan Gill's many civic and professional awards includes the M. L. Brickey Award, TWWA, 1980; Powell Man of the Year, 1985; Hall of Fame for Water and Wastewater Professionals; Tennessee Water Quality Management Association Award, 1988; George Warren Fuller Award, American Water Works Association, 1988; Chairman's Award of Appreciation for Service to TWWA, 1992; Man of the Year Award, Halls Business and Professional Club, 1992; Powell Lions Club Merit Award, 1992; Melvin Jones Fellowship Award; and Water Environment Federation Quarter Century Operator's Club, 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gill served his country as a sergeant in the 592nd Army Air Corps Base Unit. He is a longtime member and Chairman of Deacons at First Baptist Church of Powell; and

WHEREAS, Allan Gill enjoys the love and support of his wife of 56 years, Hilda Mead Gill; they are the proud parents of daughter Laura Bailey and grandparents of three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2000, Mr. Gill assumed the duties of consultant to the Hallsdale-Powell Utility District, providing some respite from day-to-day duties while preserving his involvement with HPUD in policy matters; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly recognize the remarkable achievements of productive and committed Tennesseans and commend them for their outstanding contributions to the fellow citizens of their communities and to the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we join the citizens of Powell and Halls and all those served by the Hallsdale-Powell Utility District in congratulating Allan Gill on his new role as consultant, and commend and thank him for his many years of dedicated service to HPUD and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.